

Senate Bill 443

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Harrell of the 40th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 42nd, Harbison of the 15th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 primaries and elections generally, so as to remove the prohibition regarding providing food
3 and drink to persons in line to vote at polling places; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and
8 elections generally, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-414, relating
9 to restrictions on campaign activities, giving of food or water, and public opinion polling
10 within the vicinity of a polling place, cellular phone use prohibited, prohibition of candidates
11 from entering certain polling places, and penalty, as follows:

12 "(a) No person shall solicit votes in any manner or by any means or method, nor shall any
13 person distribute or display any campaign material, nor shall any person give, offer to give,
14 or participate in the giving of any money or gifts, ~~including, but not limited to, food and~~
15 ~~drink~~, to an elector, nor shall any person solicit signatures for any petition, nor shall any

16 person, other than election officials discharging their duties, establish or set up any tables
17 or booths on any day in which ballots are being cast:

18 (1) Within 150 feet of the outer edge of any building within which a polling place is
19 established;

20 (2) Within any polling place; or

21 (3) Within 25 feet of any voter standing in line to vote at any polling place.

22 These restrictions shall not apply to conduct occurring in private offices or areas which
23 cannot be seen or heard by such electors."

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SECTION 2.

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.